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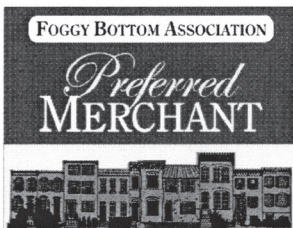
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FBA Unveils Preferred Merchant Program

The FBA has unveiled a new Preferred Merchant Program, under which association members can obtain discounts at local businesses.

The businesses include restaurants, stores, spas, salons and even health clubs, that are willing to afford FBA members discounts when they show their FBA membership card. (See list on following page.)

The idea is not entirely new: The FBA has had a list of merchants willing to provide members with discounts. What's different is the degree of commitment that merchants in the new program are willing to make to its success.



The FBN will also feature articles on the merchants in the PMP so that members will better get to know the people behind the businesses in their community.

If you own or run a neighborhood business and would like to participate in the PMP and/or have an interesting story to tell, we would love to hear from you! Feel free to contact me at lisajoy@ksg.harvard.edu.

— Lisa-Joy Zgorski

Foggy Bottom Garden Club Update

Spring has sprung, and the Foggy Bottom Garden Club — 33 members strong — is approaching its one-year anniversary. Daffodils are soon to be in glorious bloom throughout the neighborhood thanks to the club's fall planting!

Help us plant, help up spruce things up; please consider contributing your time and/or money.

How can you help beautify our neighborhood? We suggest:

- Plant just a few more flowers than you did last year or place some pots of flowers by your front door.
- Cultivate that public strip in front of your house. Club activities planned in the next few months will include:
- More planting and maintaining

flowers throughout the neighborhood public areas.

- Place more half barrels of flowers on the street corners.

Also, don't forget the semi-annual 26th St. Park Cleanup on Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m.

If you haven't joined, please consider joining today. Full Memberships are free if you can volunteer to help us plant and maintain our flowers. Associate membership is \$20 if you cannot volunteer, but want to help beautify Foggy Bottom. Additional contributions are of course always welcome.

Please make check payable to Foggy Bottom Garden Club and mail to 909 26 Street NW, Washington DC 20037 or send an e-mail FBGardenClub@gmail.com.

City May Not Take ANC, Community Input on GW Setdown

In a break from past practice, the city's Zoning Commission, which is planning to have a hearing April 20 on GWU's plans for rezoning its campus, may not take into consideration community input, including from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, on the matter.

"Whatever may have been the past practice with respect to the consideration of letters from the community, ANCs, etc. at the time of set down, the [Zoning] Commission now strictly adheres" to DC regulations, which take into consideration only the views of the applicant and the Office of Planning, Zoning official Sharon Schellin wrote in an e-mail to West End resident Barbara Kahlow.

Kahlow said the Foggy Bottom/West End community in the past had twice successfully advanced arguments over a "setdown" — the Zoning Commission's agreeing to place a case on its docket — for Square 51, now the Ritz Carlton at 22nd & M Streets.

At issue are the university's plans to rezone its campus with a series of planned unit developments, or PUDs,

which are exceptions to current zoning regulations. (See *FBN*, 2-15.)

ANC-2A02 Commissioner Michael Thomas, who represents the West End, wrote a letter to Zoning Administrator Bill Crews and OP Director Ellen McCarthy late last month asking that the commission "reverse its new interpretation of the regulation."

"Please ask them to consider the input of the citizen groups, many of whom were participants" in the zoning process. "And please ask them to wait for the determination of the Zoning Administrator before even scheduling a set-down hearing."

He wrote that that "We all

know that campus plan proceedings are wrenching trials for all of the participants, but particularly so for the volunteers representing community interests. Once a proposed plan is set down for hearing, just about everything else in the community that requires volunteer labor comes to a halt, as preparation for the proceedings sucks up time and energy.

"To put all of us — you, the applicant, and the community — through that, when hearing the application may be found inappropriate within weeks, would be cruel and unnecessary, if not unusual, punishment," he wrote.

Thomas said last week he had heard nothing back from city officials.

— FBN

Residents and the ANC are seeking a voice in determining the outcome of GWU's rezoning bid.

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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

FBA Officers:

PRESIDENT — Joy Howell
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Finally, many thanks to the Foggy Bottom Association and all those who have already contributed their time and/or money helping this Garden Club come to "Full Blossom"!

— Ken Durham

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→ → → **FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS** (continued from preceding page) April 12, 2006**FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION****Preferred
MERCHANT****Your Membership Card Works in the
FBA's Preferred Merchant Program!**

Foggy Bottom Association members receive a variety of discounts from local businesses through the FBA's "Preferred Merchants Program." Look for the logo at these businesses and present your card for these discounts. The membership card also allows FBA members use of GWU's Gelman Library.

20% DISCOUNT**Denny Diaz, Ltd.**

522 23rd St. NW
202-296-2767
20% discount off of merchandise;
10% discount off men's and women's alterations

Joseph A. Bank

1200 19th St. NW
202-466-2282
FBA members on first visit receive corporate discount card, which entitles them to 20% discount and other corporate privileges.

Thai Kitchen

2311 M St. NW
202-452-6090
20% discount off all food (excludes alcohol and happy hour specials, 5-7 p.m., M-F)

Grillfish

1200 New Hampshire Ave. NW
202-221-7310
20% off all food (excludes alcohol)

Scogna Formal Wear

1908 L St., NW
202-296-4555
20% off

20% OFF FIRST VISIT, LESSER PERCENTAGE ON ADDITIONAL VISITS**600 Restaurant at the Watergate**

600 New Hampshire Ave. NW
202-337-5890
20% discount on first visit,
15% on subsequent visits

David's Hair Studio

1918 Eye St. NW
202-293-3024
20% discount to first time clients,
10% on subsequent visits

Shohreh Day Spa

1712 Eye St. NW, Suite 914
202-452-9300
20% discount on services during first visit,
10% on subsequent visits

Watergate Photo & Copy

2560 Virginia Ave. NW (Watergate Mall)
202-333-7700
20% off for newcomers,
15% on subsequent visits

15% DISCOUNT**Barmy Wines and Liquor**

1912 L St. NW
202-833-8730
15% discount on wine; 10% on liquor

Expressions (Fine Clothing)

2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
202-775-9299
15% discount on all purchases

Metropolitan Optical

2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
202-659-6555
15% discount on all purchases

Primi Piatti

2013 Eye St. NW
202-223-3600
15% off check

The Wine Specialist

2115 M St. NW
202-822-8000
15% off all non-sale items
(includes wine, beer, water and soda);
10% off liquor

10% DISCOUNT**One Fish, Two Fish**

2423 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
202-822-0977
10% off total meal bill for dine-in and carry-out; not available on delivery

Williams The Tailor

825 21st St. NW
202-822-8000
10% off general alteration and repair

SPORTS CLUB/LA

The Sports Club/LA is offering discounts for FBA members. The club is treating the FBA as a corporate member and as such, requires fees be paid to the Foggy Bottom Association, with the FBA in turn paying the Sports Club/LA the same corporate rate.

Regular membership: Waive the \$650 initiation fee, \$1419/year. At the current rate of \$143/month, this represents a savings of \$25/month, for a total of about 20% off.

Squash membership: Waive the \$750 initiation fee, \$1639/year. At the current rate of \$163/month, this represents a savings of \$27/month, also about 20% off.

Current members of the Sports Club/LA may benefit too, as the Sports Club is willing to give FBA members the stated annual corporate fees, via payment to the FBA. Sports Club/LA will then refund any difference to current Sports Club members.